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SUBJECT: POTATOES

TO: MS. MARGARET GEISNESS
CHAMBERS, INC.
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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98111 TELEX 328 715 (SEA)
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REF: YOUR TELEX OF FEB. 22

1. THANKS FOR TELEX OF FEB. 22 PROVIDING PRODUCT LIST. PRODUCT LINE APPEARS TO HAVE GOOD OPPORTUNITIES AND MAJORITY OF PRODUCTS PRESENT NO PROBLEM IN MEETING GERMAN FOOD LAW REQUIREMENTS.

2. FRESH POTATOES ARE UNDER SEVERE COMPETITION FROM DOMESTIC PRODUCTION, APART FROM THE FACT THAT YELLOW FLESH POTATOES HAVE PREFERENCE. IMPORTS OF DEHY POTATOES FOR FOOD USE ARE PERMITTED ONLY IF BASED ON RAW POTATOES AND IF NOT FURTHER PREPARED; AND OF FROZEN POTATO PRODUCTS (RAW OR COOKED) IF NOT FURTHER PROCESSED.

3. CONCERNING FRESH FRUIT, ASSUMING THAT YOU REFER TO APPLES AND PEARS, WE MUST EMPHASIZE THAT PRODUCTS
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SHOULD NOT BE TREATED WITH SOPP, DIPHENYLAMIN OR ETHOXIQUIN.

4. CONCERNING DEHY FRUITS AND DEHY VEGETABLES, THE FOLLOWING LIST GIVES THE MAXIMUM TOLERANCE OF SULFUROUS ACID CALCULATED AS SULFURDIOXIDE IN MILLIGRAM PER KILOGRAM BY PRODUCT.

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A. DRIED GRAPES, EXCLUDING CORINTHES 1,000
B. PINEAPPLE, APPLE, QUINCES 1,500
C. APRICOTS, PEARS, PEACHES 2,000
D. GLAZED, SEMI-DRY DRIED FRUIT 1,000
E. GRAPE JUICE 50
F. ASPARAGUS, ROOT CELERY, ONIONS, CAULIFLOWER,
WHITE BEETROOT, PARSNIPS, ONLY IN DRIED FORM 500
G. FROZEN POTATO PRODUCTS 100

WE HAVE LISTED ONLY THOSE DRIED FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRODUCTS WHICH FROM YOUR LIST OF PRODUCTS SEEM TO BE OF INTEREST TO YOU. THERE ARE SOME SPECIALTY ITEMS, AS FOR EXAMPLE RAW PEELED APPLE PIECES, FOR COMMERCIAL BAKERY USE FOR WHICH MAXIMUM TOLERANCES HAVE ALSO BEEN ESTABLISHED. IN CASE YOU HAVE SUCH PRODUCTS, PLEASE SEND US THE INFORMATION.

5. SULFURDIOXIDE AND OTHER SULFUR COMPOUNDS ARE APPROVED AS PROTECTANTS FOR DIRECT APPLICATION WITH FOODS. AS A GENERAL RULE, THE MAXIMUM TOLERANCE OF SULFUROUS ACID CALCULATED AS SULFURDIOXIDE IN FOODS MAY NOT EXCEED 10 MILLIGRAM PER KILOGRAM AFTER

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COMPLETION OF THE PRODUCTION PROCESS OF SUCH FOODS.

6. FOOD PRODUCTS CONTAINING SULFURDIOXIDE MUST BE LABELED AS FOLLOWS:

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A. PRODUCTS CONTAINING OVER 500 MILLIGRAMS/KG "STARK GESCHWEFELT."
B. PRODUCTS CONTAINING LESS THAN 500 MILLIGRAMS/KG "GESCHWEFELT."
C. FOODS READY FOR DIRECT CONSUMPTION MADE FROM FOODS LISTED UNDER F & G, NOT CONTAINING MORE THAN 30 MILLIGRAMS/KG NEED NOT BE LABELED.
D. ANY FOOD PRODUCT CONTAINING SULFURIZED FOODS AND HAVING A CONTENT OF NOT MORE THAN 20 MILLIGRAMS/KG OF THE FINAL PRODUCT NEED NOT BE LABELED.

7. ALSO, UNDER GERMAN LAW, THE IMPORTER BEARS FINAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PRODUCTS HE IMPORTS. THEREFORE, THE EXPORTER MUST WORK OUT FINAL DETAILS WITH THE IMPORTER. UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, THE IMPORTER MAY EMPLOY THE SERVICES OF AN OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED AND CERTIFIED FOOD CHEMIST TO ASSIST IN FINAL DETERMINATION OF ENTERABILITY.

8. WE HOPE THAT OUR INFORMATION IS SUCH THAT YOU WILL
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DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HAMBURG AND BERLIN EXHIBITS. WE HAVE ASKED THE EXPORT TRADE SERVICES DIVISION OF FAS/W TO SEND YOU THE INFORMATION KIT FOR EXHIBITORS SO THAT YOU CAN FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THE VARIOUS OPERATIONAL AND FUNCTIONAL ASPECTS OF THE TWO SHOWS. PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT WE NEED PROMPT INFORMATION ON THOSE ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN SPECIALLY MARKED. WE SHALL BE IN TOUCH AGAIN AFTER WE RECEIVE FINAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION. IN THE MEANTIME, THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE PRODUCT INFORMATION AND BEST REGARDS.

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